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SUBJ: OMAN OPENS FIRST AIRCRAFT REGISTER IN GULF

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1. OMAN CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS HAVE STATED THEY HAVE JUST RECEIVED ICAO AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN FIRST AIRCRAFT REGISTER IN LOWER GULF. ONE RESULT THIS ACTION WILL BE TRANSFER OF PLANES OWNED BY GULF AVIATION FROM UK REGISTER TO OMANI REGISTER AS SOON AS OMANIS ARE EQUIPPED TO HANDLE REQUIRED INSPECTION PROCEDURES. OMAN SHARES OWNERSHIP OF GULF EQUALLY WITH UAE, BAHRAIN, AND QATAR.

2. OMAN PLANS IN FACT TO HAVE TWO REGISTERS, A NATIONAL LIST AND A "COMMON" REGISTER FOR PLANES USED ELSEWHERE IN GULF.

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GULF AVIATION AIRCRAFT WILL BE PLACED ON COMMON REGISTER.

3. ABOVE EXPLAINS WHY OMANIS INTENSELY INTERESTED IN RECEIVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN CIVIL AVIATION SOONEST. THEY HAD PROMISED OTHER GULF STATES OMANI REGISTER WOULD BE OPEN BY AUG 1, 1974. ALTHOUGH REGISTER IS TECHNICALLY NOW OPEN, OMANIS CLEARLY NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE REGISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES WITHOUT HELP.

4. AS SOME ADDRESSEES MAY NOT RPT NOT BE AWARE, OMAN HAS ASKED FAA FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. FACT THAT OMANIS APPARENTLY MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE AMERICANS IN THIS CAPACITY MAY INDICATE GULF AVIATION PLANS TO SHIFT STRONGLY TO U.S. EQUIPMENT.
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